

Destructive Saskatchewan Hail

Thousands of Acres Are Completely Hailed Out, Men Injured and Buildings Were Wrecked by the Storm.

(Special to the Chronicle)

Caron, Sask., Aug. 13.—A disastrous hail storm passed through the Mortlach Hills and Tuxford districts Thursday night. Fully three thousand acres of grain were hailed out, and several farmers were cleaned out entirely. A man named Morris, who was engaged in digging a well on

his farm, was seriously injured by his house blowing over on top of him. The house of W. Deels was also destroyed. At Tuxford the cyclone moved the Anglican church, a general store, a restaurant, the elevator; and the hotel off their foundations and overturned other buildings.

Moors Charged on to Bayonets.

Tangier, Morocco, Aug. 12.—Fierce fighting ensued today between the punitive expedition dispatched by General Druce to recover the women captured by the natives and a strong band of Moors. The natives were repulsed with great loss. The expedition may have to be abandoned, however, as the Moors are gathering by the thousands to prevent its further progress. Almost simultaneously an attack was made by 500 mounted Moors on Casablanca. The attacks are believed to have been part of a general plan to cut off the expedition while preventing General Druce from sending reinforcements to its assistance. The Moors are in great force around Casablanca apparently ready to attack any force that leaves the city. Only meagre details of the fighting have reached here. The reports that the Moorish horsemen charged up to the very bayonets of the French. The letter is reported to have lost a number of men. Terrible loss was wrought among the natives.

Pearry Expedition Postponed.

New York, Aug. 12.—The proposed trip of Commander Robert E. Peary for the north pole was officially declared off for this year. In a statement, explaining the necessity for the move, Commander Peary said: "Owing to the failure of the contractors for the Roosevelt's new boilers to live up to their agreement, the main expedition of the Peary Arctic Club will be postponed for a year. The Hoosegow engines, which are completed, will go north on a flying trip to deposit coal at Etah, Greenland, returning the last of September. The question of funds does not, and has not, entered into this unfortunate situation. The contract for the work was guaranteed and all payments have been made when due."

Mine Caved In

Grand Forks, B.C., Aug. 12.—A tremendous cave in at the Brooklyn mine in the Phoenix camp occurred about 8 o'clock Saturday evening. The miners and all below for 300 ft. to 100 ft. wide fell taking the tramway track as well as some 75 ft. of machinery. The cave in will put the Brooklyn mine out of business for some months. The cause of the cave in is reported to be that work had been carried on too close to the surface. Fortunately no one was hurt by the accident, although one miner working on the ore bankers had a narrow escape. The damage done will be many thousands of dollars. It is generally thought that the recent wet weather had something to do with the cave in.

Winnipeg Wheat Plumped

(Special to the Chronicle)
Winnipeg, August 13.—Yesterday's heavy plumped 50 Winnipeg cash wheat dropped to 85c.

British Journalists in B.C.

Nelson, B.C., Aug. 12.—The scenic glories and the boundless resources of Kootenay have been revealed to the British journalists who were the guests on the C.P.R. during the last three days. A delightful sail down the picturesque Arrow lake on the Catalina C.P.R. steamer Roseland, which was a visit to Roseland, where a descent was made to the 1500 foot level of the Custer mine and others inspected. The party was "not a number of leading citizens, who showed them every attention. At Nelson today the C.P.R. steamer Kootenay took the party with several of the leading men of the city to a couple of fruit ranches on the arm of the Kootenay lake and the guests were greatly impressed with the fruit growing probabilities of the region.

Dinner was served on the Kootenay. The party leaves for the east in the morning, stopping over at Portage la Prairie, in Manitoba for a couple of hours, and reaching Winnipeg next Wednesday. They will be entertained by the Canadian Club at luncheon, and in the evening will be the guests of Attorney-General Campbell of Manitoba. In the afternoon they will interview a number of settlers.

Thursday evening they will resume their homes and journey, and going by the lakes will reach Toronto at noon Sunday next. Monday will be spent in Toronto and a trip made to Niagara Falls Tuesday morning. Then the party leaves for Montreal that night. The impression the party have gained in their journey through western Canada is well expressed by F. H. MacLachlan of the Scotch Journal, who said to-night: "Canada has, in every respect, exceeded my highest anticipations. Notwithstanding all I had read of the wonderful activity of the past twenty or thirty years, I did not expect to see the west such indications of substantial progress. Our journey through the great wheat plains was a constant succession of surprises of wonderment at the energy and enterprise which had achieved so much in so short a time. I have been deeply impressed by the vitality and courage of Canadian people and charmed by their kindness and warmth of heart. Of the majestic splendor of British Columbia it is impossible to speak. One can only look upon it in silent wonderment."

Eminent Educationalist Dead

Ontario loses an eminent educationalist. The death of Mr. McLaughlin who died in Toronto on Sunday. The most recent position of activity held by the doctor was that of Principal of the Normal College, at Hamilton. Dr. McLaughlin climbed up the educational ladder in the province, from the lowest rung as a rural teacher to the highest place in the gift of the department. He will be best remembered perhaps by his efforts in instituting the Unitary method for the Old Rule of Three method known as simple and compound proportion, and for his investigations in text-books on Algebra. As a lecturer to Model school and normal students he wielded a splendid influence and gave to hundreds of budding pedagogues, both courage and inspiration. His demise is mourned, as his memory will be revered by present and former members of the teaching profession all over Canada.

No Provincial Subsidies yet

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—Although a press associate announces that the Royal assent has been given to the N.A. Assessment act, the finance department have not received word to that effect. It is officially announced that no steps will be taken to send out cheques for increased subsidies to the various provinces until the text of the bill has been received, in order that the Dominion may be sure that its interests have been fully safeguarded so that the provincial treasuries will have to possess their souls in patience for some weeks.

Well-known Contractor Dead

Winnipeg, August 13.—John Foley, well known contractor, died this morning.

By Elections September

Toronto, Aug. 12.—R. L. Borden K.C., M.P., leader of the opposition, was in Toronto at the instigation of A. E. Kemp, M.P.

He is quite in touch with the political outlook and believes that the Borden incident may have far reaching consequences for the Liberal party in Quebec. Asked about the by-elections in St. John and London he said:

"While I have no words from the Government as to when we will have them, I have no reason to believe that they will not be held before September. I would not be surprised if these elections were held early in September."

Mr. Borden has had but a brief vacation, and is now preparing for his duties as leader of the opposition. He is expected to leave for London commencing at Halifax on the 20th inst.

Colonel Ptolemy Nominated

(Special to the Chronicle)
Col. P. Ptolemy was nominated on Saturday by the Conservatives of Westworth County as their candidate in the next election for the House of Commons. The colony is a farmer in Salt River township, a member of one of the oldest families in the county, a colonel in the 77th regiment, an ex-captain of his township, and a popular and respected citizen. The present member E.D. Smith, the pressure of private business. He has decided to retire on account of his large fruit grower and shipper, and to devote his time to his own controls a big jam factory and is interested in other industries in the county.

It required great pressure to induce him to run in the by-election in 1905, in which he defeated his opponent W. G. Seely by 17. Westworth was one of the counties that was gerrymandered before the election of 1904.

The normal Liberal majority, judging by the majorities given by the figures, mounted before the redistricting was over 500, Smith's majority was 156 over Seely in 1908 so that he had to overcome a margin of nearly 300. At the election in 1904 Seely had a majority of 15, but it was found on a recount that the ballot in division had been illegally initiated.

The judge declared these ballots void. Dr. McLaughlin, who was a personal friend of Seely, carried the case to the Divisional Court and Chief Justice Meredith. In many ways the decision of the county judge but declared that a elector should not be deprived of his franchise because of the blundering of a deputy returning officer and ordered a new election. Seely appealed to the Supreme Court, which upheld the judgment of the lower court. An election was held in November 1905, just a year after the general election, and with the result that Smith was retained by 17 as above stated.

The coming election will be an exceedingly interesting one. Ptolemy is a farmer, residing in the county. Seely is a wealthy timber merchant and lives in Hamilton, though he has large land holdings in the county. Seely was born and raised in it. Ptolemy is not as popular nor as able as Smith, but the farmers are a telling one in Westworth. The old Liberal had for its representative a historical personage in "Old Joe Hymal," whose mother was a wealthy timber merchant and reported were familiar in the house and the country. He, while a student at Lethbridge, was a personal friend of St. John A. McDonald. Westworth also gave a speaker and a vote to the Liberal party in the person of Thomas Bell, of Dundas, a man had not retired from politics, would undoubtedly have been elected, but for the fact that he was somewhat singular too while the country as a whole with Conservative the federal election in November 1904, both the local Conservatives making up the county as a whole, and the Liberal party the general defection from Hon. G. W. Ross, in the following January.

Strathcona Kickers Won Out

Sirathcona's Football Team the Champions Of Northern Division. Edmonton's Chances Killed Last Night.

The final game in the Northern Division of the Provincial League went to the kick as the Strathcona exhibition grounds last night by a score of 4-0, the game was advertised to begin at seven o'clock, but the Edmonton team were late in getting over and it was close to eight before a start was made. The play could not be called an exhibition of high-class football. The grounds were wet and slippery, and the ball soon became so greasy that accurate kicking and passing were very difficult. Lack of commination was apparent, too, especially on the part of the team from the capital city. The Strathcona forwards did not play as consistently as usual, but probably the condition of the ground accounted for this to a great extent. Occasional errors were made, very pretty bit of passing, and such plays generally ended in scores. The home team scored two goals in each half while the visitors were unable to land the ball between the posts at all, though they made one or two shots. In the first half play was all in the Edmonton territory, and after about twelve minutes A. Bissett, who was playing with all his usual dash and fearlessness, made a dash for the goal, but he was stopped by his own half back, and the play equalized, but Strathcona continued to

Strathcona	Goal	Edmonton
Bawden	Backs	Deaton
Carmichael	Backs	Short Jennings
F. Kent	Haives	Stockdale
Harley	Forwards	Ruff Griffiths
Holloway		Hope Wilson
Lovick		Christie
A. Bissett		Mareland
Shannon		McDonald
Judge		
Howerton		
D. Durrant		

Killed While Coupling Cars

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 12.—John Watson, aged 30, yardman in C.P.R. here, was killed this afternoon about four o'clock while coupling cars in the west yards. In some manner he was unable to get from between the cars in time and was so badly injured that death ensued almost instantly. He came from Ireland about a year ago and had been residing at 223 Pacific Avenue. He was single and has two cousins living in the West, one being located at Edmonton and the other employed with a telephone construction gang somewhere in the West.

Medicine Hat Has An Explosion

Medicine Hat, Aug. 12.—The whole city was violently shaken today by the explosion of powder which was stored in the old Earl residence just outside the corporation limits. The powder was being transferred to the new magazine at Dunmore Junction, and it was thought that one of the men engaged in the work may have been smoking and carelessly dropped a match. George Austin and George Brown were in the building at the time. The former's clothing caught fire and he was horribly burned before it could be cut off. His recovery is not expected. Brown escaped almost unhurt. A team of horses standing near had their hair singed completely off and they were badly burned in spots. Nothing is left of the house.

Freight Trains in Collision

Montreal, Aug. 12.—Freight trains collided at Papineau avenue today on the C.P.R. yesterday, resulting in trainman Romeo Leblanc having to be hurried to the hospital in a serious condition. Two other injured employees are Brakeman Corbin, who sustained a gash on the side of the head, and Fireman L. J. O'Connor, who was badly shaken up in jumping from the engine caboose. The collision was between an engine drawing a line of freight cars bound for Ottawa, and a flat engine supposed to be hauling another line of cars loaded with Outremont. The damage was confined to the smash-up of the couplings, none of the cars being derailed and the only delay to traffic.

Lacrosse

Edmonton Play Here Friday Night.
An exhibition game of lacrosse will be played at the Strathcona football grounds on Friday evening, when the Edmonton team will try to turn the tables on the locals. It will then be seen whether there is good foundation for the belief of many of the supporters of the Capitals that their team are, on their showing in the last game here, fully equal to the Strathconas.

Baseball.

Medicine Hat Whitewashed
A flat game on the grounds of the capital last evening resulted in the defeat of the team from Medicine Hat by a score of 7-0. The visitors were weak in fielding and batting, while Edmonton batters in every department of the game. Hollis opened the pitching for the Hatters, but he went up in the air and was replaced in the first innings by Leguire, the new pitcher from Spokane, who did a little better. Erickson pitched for the Capitals and thoroughly sustained his reputation, only allowing eleven hits and none of these at critical periods. The Edmonton cracks made some fine plays and in this way several times prevented what looked like certain results.

Score by innings—
Edmonton.....2 1 0 0 0 3 0 7
Medicine Hat.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Double Header to Lethbridge

Calgary, August 12.—This was a great day for the Lethbridge ball team, they having beaten Calgary in two games. The first game was very close and the result doubtful right up to the close, but the second was rather easy for the visitors. Fogarty pitched both games for Lethbridge, and did excellent work. Sykes was on the slab for Calgary in the afternoon, and only allowed six hits, but his support was poor. Barnstead pitched in the evening and did well, but his support was even poorer than Sykes'.
Scores—
First game—
Lethbridge.....0 1 0 0 1 0 0 7
Calgary.....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1
Second game—
Lethbridge.....3 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 5
Calgary.....0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 3



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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP (Collier's Weekly)

When twenty members of the Civic Federation, including representatives of public service corporations, labor union men, editors, and sociologists, went to Europe to study the practical workings of municipal ownership it seemed impossible that they could reach such a total lack of agreement. It appears, however, that they have not only accumulated a body of facts accepted by all, but that they have been able to agree with almost perfect unanimity upon certain conclusions. The only member who refused to sign the report was Mr. Walton Clark, third Vice-President of the United Gas Improvement Company, the corporation whose corrupting influence on the city government of Philadelphia is a well-known fact. Mr. Clark had a long and bitter fight with the civic community to a brief outbreak of evil spirit. Mr. Clark had filed a preliminary report which showed such a total lack of the official temper as to make it evident that his mind was hermetically sealed in evidence in favor of municipal ownership. Two other members, Mr. Charles F. Edgar, President of the Edison Electric and Illuminating Company of Boston, and Mr. William J. Clark of the General Electric Company, dissented from some features of the report.

The report does not embody the complete opinions of any of its members. Some would have laid much more stress on the objections to municipal ownership; others would have made more of the fact that the policy is not a new one, but one which has been widely separated observers as Mr. Mayville E. Ingalls, President of the "Big Four" Railroad, and Mr. Timothy Healy, President of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, are able to agree along with college professors and publicists, are sufficiently important to make the investigation worth while. The committee has reached the conclusion that "public utilities, whether in the hands of private hands, are best conducted under a system of legalized and regulated monopoly." That is to say, competition in that field is obsolete. Private monopoly without regulation would be obviously intolerable, and therefore we are left with only the alternatives of private operation under public control or of public operation.

The committee thinks that a public utility which concerns the health of the citizen, such as the water supply, "should not be left to individuals, where the temptation of profit might produce disastrous results." On the other hand, the signers of the report have come to the conclusion that "municipal ownership of public utilities should not be extended to revenue-producing industries which do not involve the public health, the public safety, public transportation or the permanent occupation of public streets or grounds, and that municipal operation should not be undertaken solely for profit." Between these two fields of public and of private operation lies a wide domain in which either may be adopted. Municipal ownership may be successfully applied here, but not unless there is a high capacity for municipal government in the city that tries it. There are no particular reasons, in the opinion of the committee, why the financial results from private or public operation should be different if the conditions are the same. In each case it is a question of the proper men in charge of the business, and of local conditions. If public operation is undertaken there can be little prospect of success without a responsible executive manager, holding his place during good behavior exclusion of political influence, and personal favoritism, separation of the finances of the undertaking from the general city budget, and exemption from the debt limit of the necessary bond issues for revenue-producing utilities.

When these utilities are left to private operation the recommendation is that franchises should be granted for limited terms, with the right on the part of the city to buy out the enterprise at any time. It is urged that in all such cases the public should retain "an interest in the growth and profits of the future, either by a share of the profits or a reduction of the charges, the latter form being preferable, as it shares to the benefit of those who use the utilities, while a share of the profits benefits the taxpayers." The "sliding scale" of rates and dividends applied to the business of supplying gas in Boston is mentioned as a good example for imitation. Publicity of accounts, according to a uniform system, is recommended as a cure for that corruption of public officials which has sprung largely from the fact that the people of the United States have "heedlessly given away their rights and reserved no sufficient power of control or regulation." When the public has no voice, can, or interest in such a belief as this there is no longer room anywhere for the belief that a public service corporation's business is its own private affair.

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Grant, the Unassuming.

Grant and Sherman were the only ones of high rank I ever met who did not change the atmosphere about them with military consequence. While at the Hotel I frequently found my friends of General Grant's staff, Porter, a shock, Billy Dunn and others, at his headquarters. The general, in address uniform, always neat, but not fastidious in appointment, would sit at the door of his tent or sometimes one of the long settees that faced each other under the tent fly, smoke, listen and sometimes talk, and not a soul of us from the youngest to the oldest ever had a thought of rank. Without lowering his manner to the level of familiarity, he put every one at his ease by his natural simplicity. He had none of the curques of modesty or vanity. Quiet in his presence and natural in his manner, his voice, of absolute purity in speech, of unaffected, simple dignity, Grant threw a charm over his comrade. West Point never graduated a man who added so little civility or pretense to the peak of fame—General Morris Schaff in Atlantic.

No Dishes to Wash.

Happy Madagascarians! They have no dishes to wash in their housekeeping. The large, fibrous leaves of what is called "the traveler's tree" because its stalks on being pierced yield a clear watery sap which makes a refreshing drink, cut into rectangular pieces, serve them for plates, platters, cups and saucers. The rice or other food which constitutes a meal is piled on one of these leaves. A native takes a piece of leaf in each hand, rolled up like a cornet, and with one dips a portion of rice from one platter into another and on it conveys the food to the mouth. That is all there is of it—no changing of plates, no bother about clearing tables.

A Sheep's Legs.

A nobleman against whom insanity was imputed by his relatives was asked during the examination by Lord Loughborough, "How many legs has a sheep?"

"Does your honorable man a live or a dead sheep?" asked the nobleman. "Is it not the same thing?" said the chancellor. "No, my lord; there is much difference. A live sheep has four legs, a dead sheep but two. The others are shoulders."

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Around the City.

Hospital picnic at the fair grounds tomorrow.

Will the person who took a black parrot with silver handle from the tent at the picnic grounds on Walter's flat on August 1st kindly leave the same at the Chronicle office?

Dr. S. Archibald returned on Saturday from an extended trip to Vancouver, Skagway and other British Columbia and Alaskan points. The doctor says while he had a most enjoyable trip he saw no place on the journey that seemed to him to show brighter prospects for the future, or a greater opportunity for prosperity than Strathcona. From what he heard, however, men say as well as from his own observations, the doctor has greater confidence in his home city than ever before. The doctor and Mrs. Archibald travelled over a thousand miles by boat and rail and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Mr. Robert Ochmer is bringing in forty-five head of fine beef steers from his ranch at Bitter Lake this evening. He has sold a car load to the Gallagher-Hill Packing Co. and sent a carload-Vogel Co.

W. R. Long, of Earshin, Minnesota, is at present in the city on his second visit here, his first having been made thirteen years ago. Mr. Long finds the district wonderfully improved since his last stay here, and he now has a very good opinion of its possibilities. He is looking for land investments here.

Mr. O. Bush returned last night from a trip through Ontario and a visit to his old home. He was as far east as Montreal and visited Ottawa and Toronto. He reports the crops in Ontario light and very backward. The money stringency prevails there as here, only in a more aggravated degree.

The fruit crop, especially the apple, is backward and falling prematurely from the trees. Mr. Bush believes that a greater immigration will take place to this district next year than ever before, notwithstanding the fact that the weather was so backward.

Mr. Bush says he returns more delighted with the Strathcona district than he ever was before. On his return Saturday night Mr. Bush got caught in the big storm at Winnipeg and he says it was unusual in its severity. The car was so demoralized and many of the cab horses ran away during the storm. The Royal Assiniboia hotel had a foot of water in the basement in a very short time, and business was altogether demoralized.

Two cases of wives eloping have occurred in Edmonton within the last few days. One of the women was the mother of three or four children and weighed 180 pounds. She took with her \$200 of her husband's hard earned cash, \$1 for every pound of her weight. We presume hubby is thankful she didn't weigh more. The other lady, being married to a Scotchman, couldn't get away with his money, but took his trunk. The man showed up with her, therefore he had to pack his clothes in her trunk.

Mr. Arthur Davies will not receive tomorrow, (Wednesday), as announced in our issue of Friday, but will receive on Wednesday, Aug. 21st.

At a meeting of some of the East and electors of Edmonton last night J. D. Bayne was nominated to oppose Mr. Bayfield Williams in the election to fill the vacancy in the city council caused by the resignation of Alderman Macanay. Mr. Bayne is at present building a house in the city but will resign that position.

The annual picnic of the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society will be held at the exhibition grounds tomorrow. A women's meeting has been arranged to take place on the track at the same time, and as there is every prospect of good weather a very enjoyable time should be assured. The ladies will serve supper for which a charge of 25 cents will be made.

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JUSTICE IN THE YUKON

(Tribune)

The letter from Rev. Dr. Pringle, of Dawson City, which was published in the Tribune yesterday reaches Hon. A.B. Aylesworth in a mighty unpleasant light.

Some months ago, Dr. Pringle created a sensation by his exposure of the character of the so-called dance halls of Dawson and directed the attention of the Dominion Government to the necessity of suppressing or properly regulating them.

The result of this was that the Minister of Justice instructed the Crown Prosecutor of Dawson to send him a report in regard to these places.

According to Dr. Pringle, this officer "reported that, in his opinion, they were disorderly houses and could be proceeded against under the Criminal Code."

Dr. Pringle further says: "The Mounted Police report filed with the Crown Prosecutor was to the effect that the dance halls were licensed bawdy houses and their female inhabitants prostitutes."

The Minister of Justice on receipt of this report, instructed his representative here to take no measure to suppress or mitigate this dreadful evil."

This is a grave indictment, and one that Mr. Aylesworth, the Dominion Government and Parliament cannot afford to ignore.

The criminal code applies to all parts of Canada. It is as grave an offence to defy it in Dawson City as in Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.

The person who dares it in the far North is no better and no worse than the person who defies it here—and when the Minister of Justice permits it to be defied anywhere and declines to authorize prosecution of the offender, he becomes more guilty because of his greater responsibilities than the mere law-breakers themselves.

But, Dr. Pringle's indictment of Mr. Aylesworth does not deal with Dawson City alone. He makes a most damaging attack on the conduct of the Minister of Justice in relation to the Lord's Day Act.

The Yukon territory, however, is not a province—and is therefore controlled by the Dominion Government. This makes the Attorney-General of Canada responsible for the enforcement of this law.

On the point, Dr. Pringle says: "In April the mounted police in the Yukon were instructed to enforce the Sunday law. The assistant commissioner therefore reported a number of those in 'sight' and on the creek who 'disregarded it.'"

On July 8 the Dawson News published the following letter from the Minister of Justice in reply to this report from the assistant commissioner—a copy of which Dr. Pringle forwards to the Tribune.

"The duties of those charged with the enforcement of the criminal law in Yukon Territory will be discharged if adequate attention is paid to any complaint that may be referred. If any complaint is made of the violation of this act it should be referred to the department for consideration, but the complainant should be required to state carefully the particulars of the offence and grounds on which he seeks leave to institute a prosecution. He should also give due notice to persons against whom it is desired to proceed, so that the latter may have opportunity to present facts or circumstances on which he may rely as showing that it is unjust or inexpedient to authorize the prosecution on receipt of which complaint and statement with evidence of notice, the matter will be duly considered in this department and the consent of the Attorney-General given or withheld, as the circumstances shall require."

According to the Dawson News, "The major is also instructed not to send any more informal reports of those observed violating the act." In other words, the major is called off and all those who may feel inclined to break the laws are left to their own devices, free from embarrassment of police inspection or interference.

If Rev. Dr. Pringle were not known as a man of fine character and sound honesty, it would be almost impossible to believe the statements made in his letter—yet, on second thought, is the conduct of Mr. Aylesworth in tampering with the law, winking at its defiance and catering to the most objectionable element of society as revealed in the above extracts—more surprising than his conduct in juggling with the Government's preambles and trying the prohibition zone along the route of the G.T.P.?

Obviously, Hon. A.B. Aylesworth is a man on whose shoulders the great obligations of his high office rest but lightly. Obviously, also Hon. A.B. Aylesworth is a man whose administration of the Justice Department of Canada deserves the most searching investigation that parliament cannot prosecute.

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